श्री हरिन पाठक : जो जबाव मेरे पास है, उसमें जब तक कोर्ट उसको absconding जाहिर नहीं करता तब तक उसको absconding नहीं माना जाता है। आज मेरे पास जो इनफॉर्मेशन है, जो राज्यों और केन्द्र से मिली है, उसमें कोई absconding नहीं है। –(**व्यवधान**)–

श्री प्रेम गुप्ता : मान्यवर, इस पर आधे घंटे का डिसकशन करा लीजिए।

श्री सभापति : सुन लीजिए –(**व्यवधान**)–आप नियम जानते हैं। आधे घंटे के डिसकशन के लिए मैं इस समय फैसला नहीं दे सकता। –(**व्यवधान**)– यह गलत बात है। –(**व्यवधान**)–

श्री प्रेम गुप्ता : आज कितने आई.ए.एस. और आई.पी.एस. –(**व्यवधान**)–

श्री सभापति : मैं एक बात बताऊं आपको। आप तो नियम जानते हैं। आधे घंटे का डिसकशन करने के लिए नियम बने हुए हैं। आप नियमों के तहत मुझे नोटिस दे दीजिए, मैं विचार करूंगा। –(**व्यवधान**)–

श्री संजय निरुपम : सभापति जी, मुझे आधा घंटा नहीं, केवल आधा मिनट चाहिए।

श्री लालू प्रसाद : सर, बिजनेस एडवाज़री कमेटी में हम डिसकस कर लेंगे। –(**व्यवधान**)–

श्री सभापति :आप पहले उस रूल के अंतर्गत मुझे नोटिस भेज दीजिए। –(**व्यवधान**)–

श्री संजय निरुपम : सभापति जी, मेरे सामने एक छोटा सा प्रश्न है।

श्री सभापति : मैं एलाऊ नहीं करूंगा, किसी को एलाऊ नहीं करूंगा, बिलकुल नहीं।

*644. [The questioners (Shri Ram Jethmalani, Shri Kapil Sibal) were absent. For answer *vide* page ....35....*infra*].

*645. [The questioner (Shri Anil Sharma) was absent. For answer *vide* page ....36....*infra*].

Suggestions of Members of Rajya Sabha in PMGSY

*SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) details of the new guidelines for roads under PMGSY schemes;

(b) whether, the Rajya Sabha Members can suggest the road works under PMGSY schemes in their given nodal districts,

(c) if so, whether directions have been issued in that connection;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any recommendation/suggestion of Rajya Sabha Members has been ignored in Karnataka;

(f) if so, the steps Government propose to take to honour the suggestions of Rajya Sabha Members also; and

(g) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANANTHA KUMAR) : (a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The salient features of the revised guidelines issued in January, 2003 are enclosed as Statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) to (d) As per the revised Guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) issued on 7th January, 2003, the proposals of the Members of Parliament are required to be given full consideration. District Panchayats are to finalise the list of road works to be taken up under the PMGSY through a consultative process involving lower level Panchayati Institutions and elected representatives. The list is to be finalised each year in accordance with the allocation of funds communicated to the Districts by the State Government. The list of Unconnected Habitations (along with the population) in each District along with the list of roads identified to connect them as part of the Core Network are to be sent to the Members of Parliament, to facilitate them in making their suggestions. It will be incumbent upon the District Panchayat to ensure that, while framing the proposals, full consideration is given to the proposals received from the Members of Parliament, within the framework of the Guidelines.

(e) to (g) One instance has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that road works recommended by a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) in Karnataka have not been included. Government of Karnataka has been addressed in the matter.

Statement-I

The salient features of the new guidelines for roads under PMGSY schemes

- **Preparation of Rural Roads Plan and Core Network**—All roads under PMGSY are to be prioritised out of the Core Network keeping in view the priorities as per the Guidelines in respect of population size and giving preference to new connectivity.
- **Roads specifications**—Roads are to be built as per the specifications given in Rural Roads Manual published by the Indian Roads Congress (IRC : SP20:2002).

- **District Level Programmes**—The State's Allocation will be distributed among the Districts giving 80% on the basis of road length required for providing connectivity to Unconnected Habitations and 20% on the basis of road length requiring Upgradation under the PMGSY.
- **Scrutiny, Approval and Clearance**—The proposals prepared by the District Panchayats are to be approved by the State Level Standing Committee. Proposals are to be sent for clearance based on the scrutiny completed by State Technical Agencies (STAs).
- **Project clearance and Release of funds**—Projects will be cleared by the Empowered Committee of the Ministry of Rural Development and 25% of the estimated cost will be released at the time of clearance. Subsequent releases for all road works will be subject to utilisation of 60% of earlier released funds as well as completion of 80% of the approved road works upto (but not including) the year previous to the current year and other standard conditions.
- **Fund management in State**—Each State will identify/create a State level Autonomous Agency to maintain and operate Bank account to receive project funds. This account will be operated by the District Programme Implementation Units (DPIUs).
- **Execution**—No new Agency/ Consultants will be created for execution only.
- **Tendering**—The works will be tendered as per Standard Bidding Document being circulated to the State Governments by NRRDA. Projects will be completed within 6 months except in the case of Hill States where upto 18 months is allowed.
- **Monitoring and Quality Control**—Primary responsibility for monitoring will be with the District Programme Implementation Unit (DPIU). Each State will appoint a State Quality Coordinator and activate the Second-tier Quality Control Agency at the State level, independent of the Field Engineers. NRRDA will also arrange for sample checks through independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs). In case of completed roads being below 'good' quality, the contractor must be black-listed. In addition, District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee set up by the Ministry of Rural Development will also monitor the progress under the Scheme.

- **Computerisation**—An Internet based software has been developed by C-DAC, Pune and installed alongwith hardware in all States and Districts Regular updating of the software (called OMMS) is an essential requirement for continued funding of projects under PMGSY and failure to do so will affect releases.
- **Maintenance**—Roads under PMGSY are required to be maintained by the State Governments. State Governments have to communicate a satisfactory mechanism for the maintenance of rural roads under PMGSY in order to be able to receive Programme assistance.

SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank the hon. Minister for having given a very detailed answer wherein he has not made any discrimination while recommending the works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. He has specifically stated in the reply that while taking up the roads, the proposals made by the Members of Parliament are required to be given due consideration. He has also given some guidelines. The core point I am going to raise in the House is this. I do now know about other States. Sir, so far as my district Hasan in Karnataka is concerned, I had made certain recommendations in accordance with the guidelines. But my recommendations have not been taken into consideration and no action has been taken. I made those recommendations in accordance with the guidelines.

श्री सभापति : आप क्वेश्चन कीजिए।

SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Sir, I seek your protection because I never put long question in the House.

श्री सभापति : ऐलीगेशन का क्वेश्चन नहीं है। क्वेश्चन यह है कि आप प्रश्न कीजिए। आप सीधे प्रश्न कीजिए।

SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: I am putting my question. I had written a letter to the Prime Minister. I had made a representation to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Rural Development. They had even acknowledged my letter. Even then they have not taken that into consideration.

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Sir, we have taken into consideration the concern of the hon. Member. The Ministry of Rural Development, is inquiring about this lapse from the State Government of Karnataka. We are awaiting for the inquiry report.

SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: If the hon. Minister has taken this step, I will wait for the result. Sir, I personally requested, in a very cordial way, to the

CEO, Secretary, Zilla Panchayat, Hasan not to make any discrimination.

श्री सभापति: आप हासन का ध्यान रखिए।

SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he is going to take any action in accordance with the guidelines. I want an assurance from the hon. Minister.

श्री सभापति: आप हासन का ध्यान रखिए। इस आसन का नहीं, उस आसन का।

श्री अनन्त कुमार : सर, हम इनक्वायरी रिपोर्ट मंगा चुके हैं।

SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: The reply says that the road works to be taken up under the PMGSY through a consultative process, involving lower level Panchayati Institutions and elected representatives. The fact is that—I am talking about Azamgarh—the lower level Panchayati Institutions they are not even aware of it. When I asked about a particular road, the District Magistrate said that no funds have been available for that. He does not even know when the funds are going to come. Sir, it becomes a mockery to say that the recommendations of the Members of Parliament would be taken into consideration. As a member of the Standing Committee on Urban-Rural Development.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please put your question.

SHRIMAT SHABANA AZMI: The Standing Committee has also expressed its displeasure and said that in spite of repeated recommendations, it has not actually happened. I am saying this as a member of the Standing Committee. What efforts is the Government going to make to see that these suggestions, these guidelines are actually practised *in toto*? Sir, there are a lot of roads which are in a very bad shape. Only 25 per cent of the funds have been allocated for repair and maintenance of roads. Would you be able to take it up? On the question of multiple connectivity, the Standing Committee has said that the shortest route between the roads should be considered. Would the Ministry consider these suggestions of the Standing Committee on Urban Rural Development?

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Sir, there are many questions in one mega question.

श्री सभापति: एक का दे सकते हैं तो एक का दे दीजिए।

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Sir, we have sent revised guidelines to all the State Governments, and recently, my predecessor had written a letter to all the hon. Members of Parliament, including Members of Rajya Sabha, stating that

District Level Panchayat should take into account all the representations or proposals given by Rajya Sabha Members. This is one thing. Secondly, to get more money for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, we are approaching the World Bank and the A.D.B. For the State of Uttar Pradesh, we have been continuously giving money under this Scheme from 2000-01, 2001-02 and it is for the State Government accordingly to allocate the money to various districts for the unconnected roads and to improvise the maintenance of other roads.

SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Sir, I would like to request the hon. Minister that not only regarding the PMGSY, but also regarding all other centrally-sponsored schemes for the construction of roads information—list of roads, allocation of funds, etc.—must be sent to the Members of Parliament by the DRDA or even by Collectors, because, there is a perception that Rajya Sabha Members do not have interaction with the common people, but I think, it is not so. We are always having interaction with the people.

श्री सभापति : बोलिए यह महिलाओं के लिए इम्पोर्टेन्ट क्वेश्चन है।

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Sir, it has been very clearly said that amended guidelines provide that one Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, representing the State and exercising the options to be associated with the District Level Committee of that district, will be the Vice-Chairman of the District Level committee, and, therefore, the Union Government's guidelines state that all the hon. Members of Rajya Sabha should be made the Vice-Chairmen for the Vigilance and Monitoring Committee of Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana .....*(Interruptions)*

श्री लालू प्रसाद : एक आदमी को भी नहीं लिया गया है।

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Sir, my predecessor, Shri Shanta Kumar, wrote this letter on 7th April.

श्री सभापति: क्या इसकी कम्पलेन्ट्स हुई हैं ? आप यह बताइए कि शांता कुमार जी ने जो लैटर भेजा था उसकी कम्पलेन्ट्स हुई हैं ?

श्री अनन्त कुमार: सभापति जी, ये कम्पलेन्ट्स हो रही हैं।

श्री सभापति : हुई हैं क्या ? मंत्री महोदय का जो लैटर गया है उसकी कम्पलेन्ट्स हुई हैं कि नहीं क्योंकि यह एक सीरियस मैटर है and you should take it seriously. **(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: I will again send the reminder.

श्री संजय निरुपम : सभापति जी, कितने वाइस प्रेसीडेंट बनाएंगे **(व्यवधान)**...

श्री सभापतिः हो गया, हो गया **(व्यवधान)**··· इस तरह का प्रश्न आगे आ रहा है **(व्यवधान)**···

श्री संजय निरुपमः सभापति जी, माननीय मंत्री जी, ···**(व्यवधान)**···

श्री सभापतिः नहीं, आई वुड नॉट अलाऊ।

श्री लालू प्रसादः शांता कुमार जी ने भेजा था। ये अनन्त कुमार हैं, शांता कुमार जी इनसे पहले थे। सभापति जी उसमें हमने पढ़ा है कि लोक सभा के एम.पी. लोगों को निगरानी और मोनिटरिंग करने के लिए ब्यूरो का चीफ बनाया गया। लोक सभा के एक एम. पीं. को पांच जिले का बनाया गया है। जहां आर.जे. डी. का एम. पी. है वहां दूसरी पार्टी का बनाया गया **(व्यवधान)**··· मैं पूरी जिम्मेदारी के साथ कहता हूं कि अपर हाउस, राज्य सभा के एक भी एम. पी. को मैम्बर नहीं बनाया गया। दूसरी बात यह है और हमारा आरोप भी है कि जब हमने ग्रास रूट डेमोक्रेसी की बात की है तो उस पर विजीलेंस नहीं बिठानी चाहिए थी। मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय को बताना चाहता हूं कि यह जो आप प्रधानमंत्री सड़क योजना में नई गाइडलाइन्स भेज रहे हैं, इसमें यह हो रहा है कि आपकी लुंज-पुंज गाइडलाइन्स की वजह से **(व्यवधान)**····

श्री सभापति : अब आप छोड़िये।

श्री लालू प्रसाद : चालीस-चालीस मैम्बर्स को एक-एक किलोमीटर खण्ड में बांटकर **(व्यवधान)**···· खण्ड, खण्ड को एक-एक किलोमीटर कर रहे हैं। मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या आप कोई नई गाइडलाइन देने के लिए तैयार हैं कि दस किलोमीटर या बीस किलोमीटर की जो सड़कें हैं उन्हें जिला परिषद् नई गाइडलाइन के तहत लें? आपने कहा कि हाउस को गुमराह किया गया **(व्यवधान)**···· राज्य सभा मैम्बर्स को बनाया गया, यह बिल्कुल गलत है।

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : सभापति जी ····**(व्यवधान)**···· राज्य सभा मैम्बर को चेयरमैन बना दिया जाए।

श्री सभापति : मंत्री जी आपने जो गाइडलाइन दी है या शांता कुमार जी ने जो लैटर दिया है उसकी कम्पलेन्ट्स हो रही हैं या नहीं हो रही हैं, आप यह देख लीजिए।

श्री अनन्त कुमार : सर, प्रश्न यह है कि हमने सारे राज्य सभा मैंबरों को एक पत्र लिखा है। उस पत्र को ····**(व्यवधान)**

श्री सभापति : अच्छा, आप एक काम करिए ····**(व्यवधान)**···· एक मिनट, आप यह काम करिए ····**(व्यवधान)**····

श्री अनन्त कुमार : सर, उस पत्र के अनुसार उनको एक ऑप्शन एक्सरसाइज़ करना होगा, यानी उस प्रदेश के किस जिले में प्रधानमंत्री ग्रामीण सड़क योजना का विजिलेंस और मॉनिरिंटग कमेटी का वाइस चेयरमैन बनना चाहते हैं। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : आप बैठ जाइये, बैठिए। ....(**व्यवधान**).... आप बैठिए। माननीय मंत्री महोदय, आप ....(**व्यवधान**)..... माननीय मंत्री महोदय ....(**व्यवधान**)..... एक मिनट बैठिए, मैं एलाउ नहीं करूंगा। आप बैठिए। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री लालू प्रसाद : हमें नहीं चाहिए....(**व्यवधान**)..... ग्रॉस रूट डेमोक्रेसी को आपने डिस्टर्ब किया है। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : आप बैठिए। ....(**व्यवधान**) माननीय मंत्री महोदय ....(**व्यवधान**) जरा मेरी सुनिए ....(**व्यवधान**) एक मिनट बैठ जाइये। जरा मेरी सुनिए। ....(**व्यवधान**) जो आपने ....(**व्यवधान**) आप सुनिए तो सही ....(**व्यवधान**) मैं बात कर रहा हूँ। आप एक काम करिए, जो लैटर्स आपने भेजे हैं, राज्य सभा एडजर्न होने से पहले-पहले उनकी एक-एक कापी और भेज दीजिए। फिर उसके बाद जो रेसपांस आता है उसके अनुसार काम करिए।

श्री अनन्त कुमार : ठीक है। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : नैक्सट। ....(**व्यवधान**)..... मैं कह रहा हूँ कि ....(**व्यवधान**)..... मैंने बता दिया है। इससे ज्यादा कुछ नहीं हो सकता। ....(**व्यवधान**)..... नहीं नहीं, एक मिनट बैठ जाइए। ....(**व्यवधान**)..... नथिंग विल गो ऑन् रेकॉर्ड। अब मेरी इजाजत के बिना कोई नही बोलेगा। ....(**व्यवधान**) ।

श्री लालू प्रसाद : ठीक है सर, आप हमको ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : मैंने आपको इजाजत दिया तो मैं आपको ....(**व्यवधान**)..... पहले मेरी सुन लीजिए। ....(**व्यवधान**) पहले मेरी सुन लीजिए। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री लालू प्रसाद : ग्रास रूट डेमोक्रेसी को ....(**व्यवधान**) करने का आपको क्या अधिकार है। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : मैंने आपकी बात कहीं ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री लालू प्रसाद : एनडीए के लोगों को आब्लाइज़ करने के लिए ग्रॉस रूट डेमोक्रेसी को, पंचायती व्यवस्था को, इसका इन्होंने अतिक्रमण किया है। हमारे यहां एक्ट है ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : आप बैठिए-बैठिए। लालू जी, आप बैठिए। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री लालू प्रसाद : यह क्यों आपने ऐसा काम किया ?

श्री सभापति : आप एक काम करिए। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री लालू प्रसाद : हमें यह नहीं चाहिए। ग्रास रूट डेमोक्रेसी का अतिक्रमण किया गया है। आप बोलिए, डिप्टी प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब, इस देश में यह क्या हो रहा है। आप इसको देख लीजिए। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : आप एक काम करिए, एक तो लैटर ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री नीलोत्पल बसु : महोदय ....(**व्यवधान**).... अमेंडमेंट के जरिए डीसैन्ट्रलाइजेशन के बारे में बोल रहे हैं और उसके बावजूद जो पंचायतें काम कर रही हैं उसमें आप ऊपर से दखल दे रहे हैं। वह तो इसके अन्दर विरोधाभास है। इसको मंत्री जी एक्सप्लेन करें। ....(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सभापति : अब आप एक काम करिए। ....(**व्यवधान**) सारी इस तरह की पत्रावली, जो भी आपके पास है, वह मेरे पास भेज दीजिए। मैं सब मैंबर्स को बुला कर बात करूंगा। चलिए नैक्स्ट।

Assistance to SSI Units by PFC

*647. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Power Finance Corporation (PFC) are delaying in providing financial loan assistance to SSI Units;

(b) if so, how many cases received from SSI Units for loan assistance are pending with PFC for disbursement of loan for more than six months, company/unit-wise where loan assistance asked for is below Rs. Five Crores; and

(c) the reasons for delay in providing loan assistance especially when power reforms in the country are in full-swing ?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE) : (a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) No, Sir.

(b) No application for loan assistance below Rs. 5 crores is pending with PFC for more than six months, for disbursement.

(c) In view of the reply in (b), question does not arise.

श्री भगत राम मनहर : सभापति महोदय, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि एसएसआई यूनिट्स के लिए 2002-2003 में ऋण सहायता उपलब्धता का क्या लक्ष्य रखा गया है,